

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 27 were pending in this application.

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review of Applicant's response of April 6, 2006 and the withdrawal of numerous bases of rejection. The present Amendment proposes to amend the claims in proper form based on the Examiner's indication that such claims are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, the present Amendment amends claims 1, 11, 16, 24, and cancels claims 10, 12, 23, 25, and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment, after final, is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 7-9, 13, 14, 20-22, and 27 are allowed.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 12 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response to this indication, the claims are re-written as discussed below.

Objected to claim 12 depended from claim 10. As such, the limitations of both claims 10 and 12 are now added into claim 1, and claims 10 and 12 are both canceled. Further, claim 11 previously depended from claim 10, and so the dependency of claim 11 is changed to depend directly from claim 1. Thus, claim 1, and its remaining dependent claims 2-7 and 11 should be allowable.

Objected to claim 26 depended from claim 25, and claim 25 depended from claim 23, and claim 23 depended from claim 16. As such, the limitations of all of claims 26, 25, and 23 are now added into claim 16, and claims 23, 25, and 26 are all canceled. Further, claim 24 previously depended from claim 23, and so the dependency of claim 24 is changed to depend directly from claim 16. Thus, claim 16, and its remaining dependent claims 17-19 and 24 should be allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 16-19, and 23-25 are rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103. These rejections are now moot in light of the proposed amendment, as each of these rejected claims are now proposed to be amended, or depend from claims that are proposed to be

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amended, where such amendments are indicated by the Examiner as placing such claims in allowable form.

Fees

A Petition for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith, thereby extending the deadline to respond from December 26, 2006 to January 26, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for said Petition, and any other fees necessary to effect the present filing, to Deposit Account 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated, as also shown in the Fee Transmittal submitted herewith.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowability be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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